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FLORIDA LEGISLATION SOUGHT TO END DEED RESTRICTIONS

"Deed restrictions and other Covenants work against the safety of the entire community and should be revised." So says National Amateur Radio Association President Donald Stoner, W6TNS in announcing a two prong attack against these property use constraints.

First off, Stoner has filed suit against his owners association known as 440 West Inc. of Clearwater Florida. He maintains that the owners association has banned him from erecting any form of ham radio communications antenna, while at the same time violating the prohibition by having installed a community television antenna and a two way radio system for security use. W6TNS says that the ban on his installation of an antenna has violated his civil rights and impaired his freedom of speech.

But Stoner believes that any solution for him will be short term. That it may not assist other Florida radio amateurs finding themselves in a similar situation. Nor will it help to set a national precedent to help hams in other states.

Stoner says that this has to change even if change is made a matter of law. To that end. W6TNS has proposed legislation that will require that each condominium, planned community, and mobile home park in Florida to have an emergency preparedness plan. A plan which includes ham radio. If an Amateur lives in one of these planned communities, he or she would be allowed by law to install an antenna system suitable for providing safety communications to the community.

W6TNS points out that it was not all that long ago when Florida residents had a painful, first-hand example of a communications emergency when hurricane Andrew devastated south Florida. He says that communications provided by radio amateurs was vital to the life saving effort during the storm and to relief efforts afterward. Yet he notes that many communities and property owners who owe their very survival to the volunteer efforts of radio amateurs have not only turned their backs on these communications heros. Some have gone so far as to show their collective displeasure with the very existence of the Amateur Radio service. This has to stop says Stoner and he intends to be one of the leaders in bringing about the needed change.

Radio amateurs from throughout Florida and from around the nation who wish to support the Stoner's legislation should contact Richard Heiden, Esq. at Kimpton, Burke and White, Attorneys At Law, 28059 U.S. Highway 19 North, Clearwater, Florida 34621. Heiden is the attorney of record in Stoner's suit against the owners association and directs Stoner's legislative efforts in the State of Florida. If enacted, this law could become the model for hams to use in other states and possibly lead to preemption of Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions nationwide.

BROADCASTERS PREVAIL OVER FAIRNESS DOCTRINE

A federal appeals court has handed broadcasters a win in their fight to keep the so-called Fairness Doctrine from being revived. This, by ruling that Congress never intended to make the Fairness Doctrine the law of the land when it amended communications law in 1959.

The Fairness Doctrine was a rule tossed out by the FCC in 1988 that required broadcasters to air both sides of a controversial issue. A liberal Washington D.C. public interest law firm known as Media Access Project had brought suit in the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis claiming that Congress indeed "codified" the Fairness Doctrine in 1959. However, in a 7 to 5 vote, the court rejected the claim.

The 8th Circuit's decision is identical to a ruling rendered several years ago by a Washington D.C. federal appeals court. It is important since Media Access Project and other organizations had hoped the U.S. Supreme Court would take up the question of the constitutionality of the Fairness Doctrine.

Broadcasters and others who oppose the re-imposition of the Fairness Doctrine appear to be winning in their efforts in fighting the current liberal Democratic Congress that wants to revive it. Its opponents claim that reinstatement of the rule would serve to chill free-speech rights of TV and radio station operators.

NEW JERSEY RADIO TAX

A hearing has been held in Trenton, New Jersey on a revenue enhancing bill. The state says that it wants to charge a fee for all transmitters operating in the state.

The proposed regulation by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, is intended to raise the money needed to enforce a 10 year old state law restricting excessive RF radiation. At least that is how the state sees it. Virtually all of the speakers at the January 11th public hearing viewed the proposed fees to be levied on transmitting antennas as nothing more than a tax on Federally licensed transmitters. Department officials had promised to exempt hams, but the proposal itself didn't do that and comments were invited on the possibility of regulating hams in the future. ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, N3AKD came to Trenton from Washington to argue that only FCC had the legal power to regulate hams. The ARRL Section Manager for northern New Jersey Rich Moseson, NW2L, explained how such a regulation with fees averaging \$250 per antenna would virtually shut down amateur radio in the state. The league asked that a specific exemption for hams be added to the proposed regulation. Several other hams testified as well.

CALL SIGN ADMINISTRATOR PROGRAM DEAD

The FCC has withdrawn an order issued in May 1993 establishing a club and military recreation station call sign administrator program. The FCC said that its newly proposed vanity call sign program will be administered by the Commission itself, would make the volunteer administrator plan unnecessary.

The FCC also noted that a Petition for Reconsideration of the administrator program, filed in June 1993 by David Popkin, W2CC, had merit. Popkin said that contrary to the FCC's Order, establishing a call sign administrator program IS controversial, and should have been subject to a notice and comment rule making proceeding. The FCC granted Popkin's petition. The FCC will return applications to be call sign program administrators to the parties concerned, without action.

YOUNG HAM WINS CONTEST TO SEE SHUTTLE LAUNCH

When space shuttle Endeavor lifts off on April 7th, an 8th grade youngster from Staten Island New York will be at Cape Canaveral to watch. Rene Hoehn, KB2QMR, has been chosen by the faculty of the Rocco Laurie Intermediate School to be there after winning an essay contest.

"When I received the invitation to attend the launch I was all excited, and I was more excited when I found out I was allowed to bring people with me. My immediate family, of course, got the first couple of invitations, and then I decided to throw it open to my other children and that's the children I teach amateur radio to at my schools.

And what we did was we had a little essay contest that I opened up to my amateur radio classes, all thirteen of them. And each child who wanted to participate in this and get to witness the shuttle Endeavor going up and who wouldn't had to tell me why I should pick them. Why they wanted to go." Carole Perry, WB2MGP

Carole says that she decided to limit the contest to only her ham radio students for several reasons. "The reason I restricted it to my ham radio kids was I wanted the other school, the rest of the school population to realize the really neat things that can happen to the children who are in fact in contact with people like astronauts on ham radio. And so it brought school-wide attention to the fact that these were really lucky children indeed and heighten awareness once again in the space program, which is another objective of mine at the school and showing all the neat stuff you can do with ham radio." Carole Perry, WB2MGP.

Rene Hoehn was selected by a committee of judges that included

the Principal and Assistant Principal of the Rocco Laurie School as well as Carole Perry. The trip to the STS-56 launch will not be the first special school event that KB2QMR has attended. WB2MGP says that Rene is student who gets involved. "This youngster has participated in other events with me like Ocean Challenge last year. Where she got to meet Rich Wilson the amateur onboard the Ocean Challenge sailboat. She came with me to the sea port to meet him cause she had spoken to him on the radio. And a real sweetheart, loves ham radio and she is a lovely lovely young lady it will be a pleasure to go with her." Carole Perry, WB2MGP.

By the way, STS-56 will be a Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment flight. Among its crew members will be Astronaut Jay Apt, N5QWL.

NASA TV CHANGING BIRDS

NASA Select television has moved off of its long time home on GE Satcom F2R. NASA Select is the space agency originated television service available to TVRO owners and local cable television systems.

Their new home satellite is GTE Spacenet 2 on transponder 5. This is a C Band bird parked at 69 degrees West longitude. Transponder 5 is on a frequency of 3880.0 MHz, horizontal polarization. NASA audio is on the 6.8 MHz subcarrier.

NASA Select Television service offers daily educational and informational programming, carries Shuttle launches and mission coverage, and occasionally airs live coverage of Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment or SAREX operations.

The move to Spacenet 2 was scheduled to take place at 15:00 UTC on Saturday, January 8.

CONTEST VIDEO

CQ Communications has released "Getting Started in Contesting" the latest in its 'getting started' video series produced by Emmy award winner Rich Moseson, NW2L. The new video is designed to introduce the viewer to the basics of ham radio contesting with the help of several world-class contest operators including CQ's own contest editor John Dorr, K1AR. Viewers see competitors in action at a variety of small and medium sized stations as well as at "Contest Superstations" K1EA, N2RM and perennial VHF contest champions W2SZ portable 1. A special segment features Dorr as the "CQ Answer Man" providing important information to the most basic contesting questions along with sound advice on effective contest preparation and operation. Getting Started in Contesting and all other CQ Communications videos are available in VHS

format in either the NTSC or PAL video standards. For more information please contact CQ Communications, 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801.

INSTRUCTOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

If you know of a deserving volunteer instructor, professional teacher who uses Amateur Radio in the classroom, or an instructor who offers ham radio classes at a local college you can nominate them for any of the following awards from the American Radio Relay League.

The 1993 ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year award honors volunteer instructors. The ARRL Professional Educator of the Year will be awarded to a deserving school teacher while the ARRL Professional Instructor of the Year will be presented to an instructor who receives payment for his services such as at a college. Nominations must be received by your ARRL Section Manager by January 31st. Their names and addresses can be found in any issue of QST magazine.

FAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Keeping with the subject of education, word that the Foundation for Amateur Radio will be offering forty-nine scholarships for the 1994-1995 academic year to assist in the education of licensed radio amateurs. Licensed amateur operators can compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$200 to \$500 with preference in some cases given to residents of specific geographic areas or the pursuit of certain study programs. For additional information or application forms please contact the Foundation for Amateur Radio, FAR Scholarships, 6903 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park, Maryland 20740.

FEMALE ANCHOR WANTED

Newsline is looking for a lady ham with professional broadcasting announcing experience who would like to become a part of our all volunteer news anchor team. Over the past two years, the number of women joining amateur radio has grown substantially. We at Newsline feel that its long overdue that a female voice should also be a regular part of our team of reporters as well.

In years past there have been several female reporters and anchors heard on Newsline. The late Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ was the very first. But more recently there have been few if any female voices heard on Newsline. As producers of the newscasts feel that its time for this to change.

If you have the needed skill, a fax machine, a broadcast quality tape recorder and some free time, and if you want to become a part of the Newsline family, why not drop us a note or a demonstration tape and let us know who you are. We at Newsline are waiting to hear from you. Our address will be heard at the end of the newscast.

MOTOROLA

Motorola says that an advertisement appearing in several magazines that starts out -- attention -- this is a public safety announcement -- is actually aimed at cellular telephone hackers. These are thieves who have found ways of diverting the billing of cellular phone calls to unsuspecting legal users of the service. There are even books now on general sale that tell anyone with a small amount of technical knowledge how to do it, but one publications says that it won't carry ads for them, that's The American Radio Relay League. They say it will not permit the advertising of these or other cheat books in its QST magazine.

For this week that is all from Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at Post Office Box 463, Pasadena CA 91102.

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